

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Principals, ELL, Title I & Curriculum Coordinators, Teachers
FROM: Jim McCobb, Title III Director, Vermont Agency of Education (VT AOE)
SUBJECT: Title III, Part A (English Language Acquisition) Subgrants for 2015-2016
DATE: April 23, 2015

The VT AOE is inviting eligible LEAs (or LEA consortia) to apply for a Title III (English Language Acquisition) subgrant in 2015-2016. Interested LEAs must send an e-mail notifying james.mccobb@state.vt.us of “intent to apply,” **no later than Friday, May 15, 2015**, and submit a **completed application by Friday, May 29, 2015**. All Title III grant resources will be posted to the AOE’s web site, [ELL Page](#), as soon as possible. In the meantime, these materials are being sent to Local Education Agency personnel via the Vermont K-12 List Serve.

Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act provides funding to *supplement* the **core language instructional program/services**, which all LEAs are required to offer English Language Learners (ELLs) by Federal law, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Eligible LEAs or consortia may apply for this funding for the purposes of: 1) developing high-quality language instructional programs for ELLs—referred to as Limited English Proficient (LEP) children and youth in NCLB, and 2) providing professional development for educators working with ELLs and their families.

Eligible Entities: “Eligible entities”—either single LEAs or Consortia—must include enough eligible ELLs to qualify for a subgrant of at least \$10,000. LEAs that don’t meet this threshold may form a consortium with other LEAs, as long as they collectively enroll the number of ELLs to qualify for a \$10,000 grant. At least one LEA in a consortium must agree to act as the Fiscal Agent. **All LEAs** in a consortium, regardless of the number of students enrolled in their respective district/supervisory union, are required to meet all Title III assurances, accountability, and other grant requirements.

Projected 2015-2016 Title III Grant Allocations: Due to the transition to a new grant period of July 1 – June 30, this year the Title III projected allocations are based on the LEA’s count of English Language Learners identified through the 2015 ELL Student Verification. This count, along with the **estimated** allocation by LEA, will be posted to the AOE’s web site, [ELL Page](#), as soon as possible. Final allocations will be posted on the web site after all interested eligible entities have been identified.

Reporting Requirements: Requirements for Title III reports, evaluation, and accountability under Title III are elaborated in Appendix V of the Application Instructions.

FURTHER QUESTIONS? For technical assistance, contact Jim McCobb at (802) 479-1273 or James.McCobb@state.vt.us.